

Program Change Request

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Changes proposed by: **ddraper**

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Approval Path

1. 09/02/16 9:55 am
jdurdik: Approved for ARSC Dean Initial
2. 09/02/16 4:27 pm
agriffin: Approved for Director of Program Assessment and Review
3. 09/08/16 11:50 am
lkulcza: Approved for Registrar Initial
4. 09/08/16 12:45 pm
rbrady: Approved for COMM Chair
5. 10/10/16 4:45 pm
fspiegel: Approved for

ARSC Curriculum
Committee

6. 10/10/16 5:02 pm
jdurdik: Approved for
ARSC Dean
7. 10/11/16 3:40 pm
pritchey: Approved
for Global Campus
8. 10/13/16 3:09 pm
tmartin: Approved for
Provost Review

Catalog Pages Using this Program [Communication \(COMM\)](#)

Submitter:	User ID: ddraper Phone: see below for contact info
Academic Level	Undergraduate
Select a reason for the proposed change:	Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding Focused Study)
Program Status	Active
Academic Unit	Policy
Effective Catalog Year	Fall 2017 2014
College, School, Division	Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)
Department Code	Department of Communication (COMM)
Program Code	COMM Dept Honors
Degree	Not Applicable
CIP Code	09.0101 - Speech Communication and Rhetoric.
Program Title	Communication Departmental Honors
Method of Delivery	On Campus
Is this program interdisciplinary or use courses from another College?	No
Does this change the total hours needed to	No

complete the
program?

Program Requirements, Description and 8-Semester Plan

Requirements for ~~Departmental~~ Honors in the Department of Communication: The Honors Program in communication gives an opportunity for a student to achieve an additional level of intellectual growth and a satisfaction of accomplishment. A student engages in independent research and writing, under the supervision of a member of the communication faculty, and participates in special honors classes, seminars, and colloquia.

Faculty recognize outstanding achievement by a student by recommending that the bachelor's degree in communication be awarded with the distinction "Communication Scholar *Cum Laude*." Higher distinctions may be awarded to truly outstanding students based upon the whole of their academic program and quality of honors research.

To enter the Honors Program, a student must possess a 3.5 minimum grade-point average on all academic work and receive the recommendation of a faculty member in communication to the Honors Council of Fulbright College. A student may pursue an independent research program of a historical, critical, descriptive, or experimental nature, within any of the areas of rhetorical or communication theory, history of public address, interpersonal, small-group, or organizational communication, persuasion, argumentation, political communication, freedom of speech, communication education, or in any closely related areas of inquiry. A student interested in mass communications, broadcasting, or film may choose to pursue either a research project or a creative study. In addition to satisfying the general college and departmental requirements for a bachelor's degree, a student must satisfy departmental honors requirements, which include the following:

1. Become an honors candidate no later than the ~~first semester of the~~ junior year of **study. Students are encouraged to establish honors candidacy as early as possible. study;**
2. Enroll in **COMM 3991H** ~~no later than~~ **COMM 399VH Honors Course (Sp, Su, Fa) a minimum of one hour of credit each semester during the junior year of study. junior senior years;**
3. **Enroll in COMM 499VH a minimum of one hour of credit each semester after the completion of COMM 3991H and until completion of the honors thesis,**
4. Achieve a 3.5 minimum grade-point average in communication,
5. **Complete 12 hours (which** ~~Take 12 hours, which~~ **may include 6 hours hours of thesis) thesis** in Honors Studies, and
6. Write and **successfully** defend before a faculty examining committee a thesis based on the investigative or creative project undertaken in **COMM 499VH.** ~~COMM 399VH.~~

For a full description of the Honors Program and its requirements, consult with ~~an adviser in the~~ **Undergraduate Director in the Department** ~~department of~~ **Communication.** ~~communication.~~

Are Similar Programs available in the area? **No**

Estimated Student Demand for Program: **N/A**

Scheduled Program Review Date: **N/A**

Program Goals and Objectives: **N/A**

Learning Outcomes: **N/A**

Description and justification of the request: Honors students approaching their thesis often have little knowledge of conceptualizing a research project. All too often, this results in students dropping out of the honors program because they were not provided guidance through this process. COMM 3991H is proposed as a way to facilitate the conceptualization of research under the guidance of a tenure-track faculty member. Once the students develop a viable thesis proposal, they would then enroll in COMM 499VH, Honors Thesis, to conduct and receive full credit for the project.

Program reviewer comments

lkulcza (09/08/16 12:23 pm): Updated to reflect policy change.
ddraper (09/09/16 9:21 am): Made minor edits to the program change based on recommendations of the Fulbright Curriculum Committee and with the permission of the proposer. Questions regarding the program proposal should be directed to: Ron Warren, Undergraduate Director Dept. of Communication ronw@uark.edu
ddraper (09/09/16 10:18 am): Corrected minor typo in line 1.
ddraper (09/28/16 2:36 pm): Slight change to header of department honors requirements at request of the Fulbright Honors program. Whether students complete college or departmental honors, these requirements will apply.

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